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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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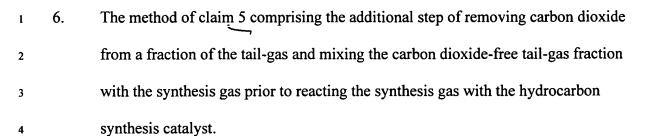
- (a) forming a synthesis gas by reacting a combustible carbonaceous material and 3 a tail-gas with 1) steam and/or water and 2) oxygen or air or enriched air at an elevated temperature in a gasification reactor; 5
- (b) contacting the said synthesis gas with a hydrocarbon synthesis catalyst to form liquid hydrocarbons and the tail-gas in hydrocarbon synthesis reactor; PART SECTION CONTRACTOR PROPERTY.
 - (c) separating the resulting tail-gas and the liquid hydrocarbons; and
 - (d) recycling the tail-gas back the reactor. 9
 - The process of claim 1 comprising the additional step of removing carbon dioxide 2. from a fraction of the tail-gas and mixing the carbon dioxide-free tail-gas fraction with the synthesis gas prior to contacting the synthesis gas with the hydrocarbon synthesis catalyst.
 - The process of claim 1 comprising the additional step of combusting a fraction of 3. 14 the tail-gas and generating power from said combusted fraction. 15
 - The process of claim 3 comprising the additional step of removing carbon dioxide 4. from a second fraction of the tail-gas and mixing the carbon dioxide-free tail-gas second fraction with the synthesis gas prior to contacting the synthesis gas with the hydrocarbon synthesis catalyst.
 - A method for consuming a tail-gas produced by reacting a synthesis gas with a 20 hydrocarbon synthesis catalyst comprising reacting the tail-gas and a combustible 21 carbonaceous material with steam and oxygen at an elevated temperature to form 22 the synthesis gas. 23

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- 7. The method of claim 5 comprising the additional step of combusting a fraction of the tail-gas and generating power from said combusted fraction.
- 8. The method of claim 7 comprising the additional step of removing carbon dioxide from a second fraction of the tail-gas and mixing the carbon dioxide-free tail-gas second fraction with the synthesis gas prior to reacting the synthesis gas with the hydrocarbon synthesis catalyst.